Dear Jim,

8/2/75

The Gerold Frank of the April 19 letter that came yesterday is the Gerold Frank I know!

Same visible personal involvements and hangups, same ego, same pricking conscience.

Given a choice between making detailed notes on this and writing Jackson this morning I drafted a letter to Jackson. However, I have marked several places in the letter Frank took all this time to type himself for the future.

Aside from the reading on the man perhaps the most important fact to keep in mind is that he still has all his files and records.

These details are not from his mind. He kept records in great detail, perhaps a diary. He does have this self-concept and his failure in this book is what bugs him so. He can't abide it.

I don't mean that it failed commercially. That would not cause this reaction.

If not before then beginning with his first meeting with me he knew he was a literary whore. I think he had to have had doubts in writing but I know that from our first confrontation he did. They nag him.

At some point this combination may help.

He has, of course, given us new leads and a new way of going back to the FBI in what we now seek.

That with all these so carefully preserved records he can't find the photos he identifies as 8 and 9 is something we might want to remember. These deal with evidence. He may also be correct on who took them. I have them and I didn't get them from Withers, who gave me none. But they do not deal with the evidence as Frank and officials want them to.

Frank's memory is failing him. This is very visible where he has not consulted his records. The dinner was not to have been at Lwason's. Jerry Cohen is not Joe. The Arthurs are not "Haynes." Holloman was not police chief.

Jimmy is wrong in expecting any kind of help from Wayne except as a legman.

However, Wayne is a very decent person and when told what to get is able and willing.

The Frank letter means that Wayne did establish the relationship he told me he was with Thompson. Frank addresses him at Thompson's office without using Thompson's name or that of the firm.

If Thompson and Buford have gotten together, I remind you that both have been silent since we left, leaving requests with both.

I've separated this Frank letter. For later retrieval I'm filing it under Frank, on whom I have several files.

Best,